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REPORT SOVIETS MINING URANIUM ORES IN NORTHERN SINKIANG;  
ATOMIC BOMBS TO BE TESTED IN SOUTHERN DESERT AREA

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

T'ai-pei, 13 October -- According to reliable KMT sources, the Soviets are to test atomic bombs and weapons either in the Great Gobi, or the Takla Makan Desert in southern Sinkiang, and are, at present, mining a large amount of uranium ores at Pei-t'a-shan 175 miles northeast of Urumchi.(1)

Reliable KMT sources also claim that the Soviets are building large-scale installations for manufacturing atomic bombs in the Ch'i-t'ai area, near Urumchi, but that the Soviets have not as yet made any atomic bomb test in the Takla Makan Desert. These sources report that the desert experimental area starts from the point about 275 miles southwest of Urumchi and extends in a southwesterly direction for some 500 miles. The area is protected by high mountains on the northern, eastern, and western sides.(2)

## SOURCES

1. Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 14 Oct 51
2. Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 14 Oct 51

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